

Dear parents and carers,

Please see below this week's Chesterton blog. We hope you enjoy reading the updates from departments and teams across the school.



Thank you so much to all our staff and students for their ongoing hard work.

The team at Chesterton are always keen to hear from parents who'd like to get involved with school life: please don't hesitate to get in touch if this is true for you.

All the best for a restful weekend.

Rolf Purvis
Executive Headteacher

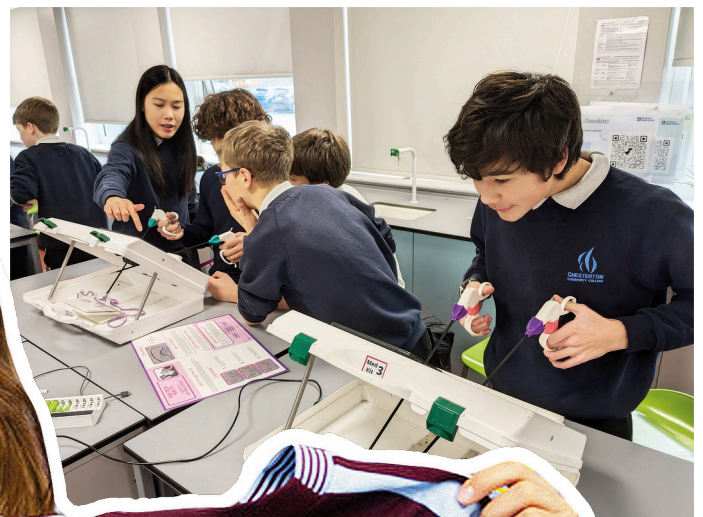
NHS Careers Workshop Success

On Wednesday all the year 9 students attended hands-on workshops with a pair of doctors from Medical Mavericks.

Among many activities students took blood from a fake arm, recorded their own ECG, tried keyhole surgery, and saw inside their body with an ultrasound machine. A fantastic insight for our students into the range of careers available in the NHS.

A huge thank you to our PTA for funding this visit and to our year 9 parents and carers who donated to help make this happen.

If you'd like to find out more about these workshops and for details of how you can help fund both this, and further experiences like this, please visit the **Enthuse page** that has been set up by our PTA.



Outstanding Sporting Achievement

A massive congratulations goes to Aleks Liddell-Mickovski who has recently been selected for the prestigious TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme), a national programme supporting promising athletes, including 20 U16 female footballers. This adds to a year full of outstanding sporting achievement, where Aleks has represented the Aston Villa Football Academy as well as the South of England in both football and basketball. She even won the MVP representing the Super South who won the U13 National Basketball Tournament! We commend Aleks for all the talent, hard work and dedication that goes into these achievements.



GCHQ National Language Competition!

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible participation of around 30 of our Year 9 students in the prestigious National Language Competition designed by GCHQ! The contest tests language skills, problem-solving abilities, and teamwork in a way that's both fun and engaging. With tasks ranging from translating puzzles to decoding foreign-language clues, it's a true test of out-of-the-box thinking, creativity and linguistic talent. The competition saw nearly 2000 teams across different schools from across the UK competing in a virtual 'Capture the Flag'. Our students rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and demonstrated their passion for languages and dedication to excellence by coming to work on challenges at lunchtime and afterschool last week.

We are especially proud of the outstanding achievements of three of our teams, who secured first, second, and third place within Chesterton Community College (CCC)! Nationally, their rankings are equally impressive:

- First place at CCC ranked in the top 50
- Second place at CCC ranked in the top 100
- Third place CCC ranked in the top 200

These are all amazing achievements considering the scale of the competition!

Congratulations to all the students who participated, not just for their rankings but for their commitment, teamwork, and interest in languages. You've done our school proud!

Let's continue to nurture our love for languages and celebrate the power of communication across cultures.

... and to all our Year 8s with a passion for languages: this could be you next year...!



Year 12 Bring Ibsen Alive

On Wednesday, our Year 12 A Doll's House lesson took a dramatic twist as students stepped into the shoes of Krogstad himself. They crafted blackmail letters, complete with wax seals and candlelight (don't worry, the library is still standing!), to experience the tension and secrecy that fuels Ibsen's narrative.

Not only did this bring the play's themes of power and manipulation to life, but it was also a brilliant bit of fun—especially when Mr. Purvis joined in, proving his wax-sealing skills are just as sharp as his headteacher ones! A creative way to explore Krogstad's pivotal role in Nora's unraveling.



Basketball CPD @ Chesterton

Chesterton hosted a Basketball CPD session on Wednesday for over 16 members of staff from various schools and colleges from the CDSSSA District to further develop their knowledge of Basketball, and to see what practices work at KS3 level. The session was a huge success with many fantastic ideas shared to inspire the next generation of basketballers in the local area. A special thank you to Miss Palacios, and her wonderful year 8 basketball performers for their support in the night - we are now starting to line up further CPD events.



Basketball CPD @ Chesterton

CCC is proud to have received a prestigious wildlife award, reflecting our commitment to the environment. This achievement involved meeting various criteria, such as installing bird and bat boxes, creating bug hotels, maintaining log piles, composting, collecting and utilizing rainwater, and cultivating wildlife-friendly plants and flowers. A heartfelt thank you goes to members of the PTA and the local community for their hard work and support in making this possible.

Year 12s to the Christmas market as part of "explore Cambridge" enrichment programme





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